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Editorial

# Staying In Touch With The Basic Things Of Life

Looking out from the east windows of the Summit Publications Office, the lawns which lie within our line of vision are the color of the stubble left in fields of newly harvested wheat. The effects of the drought which now encompasses a large portion of our nation are seen and felt everywhere about us. Even before the date that summer made her official arrival, dry curled brittle brown leaves were falling prematurely on the yards and scuttling with nearly inaudible melancholy rasping whisper along the sidewalks. Also the weeds which are usually thriving and vigorous, appear stunted, shriveled, dusty and anemic.

The need for rain has reached a crucial stage and many crops have already suffered irreversible damage. There will be a short supply of many food items which will effect not only the human consumption of these items, but also the food supply of livestock and all other wild animal life.

Ample rainfall is necessary for the healthy growth of all vegetation. It is also necessary to replenish our reservoirs which supply water for our homes and for numerous commercial uses. Everywhere the dryness has greatly increased the dangers and potential hazards of fires which can ignite the tinderlike materials in an instant, and in a very few minutes can be raging out of control. The pressure in the water mains must not drop below the safety level in order that such a catastrophic situation can be avoided.

Without water, all life as we know it would disappear from our planet, and the earth would become a barren and desolate wasteland.

How often do we take the rainfall for granted, paying small attention or giving little notice to its life-giving and life-sustaining qualities. During the periods when weather conditions are normal, the mention of rain on the newscasts seems so lackluster and commonplace, and our response is usually one of bored indifference. How often do we complain when we are caught in a rain without a raincoat or an umbrella – or when our picnic is spoiled or a favorite sports event is cancelled.

Almost daily we hear of new and unexpected ramifications due to the drought. The water level in several major rivers which are used for commercial shipping, has dropped so low that the boats and freight barges can no longer move along their channels. Emergency dredging has been done to deepen the channels to relieve this bottleneck situation and allow shipping to continue.

We have also learned that ocean salt water is entering the mouth of the Mississippi River and traveling up stream at the rate of two miles a day. This is already effecting the drinking water supply in that area.

We will all agree that rain is indeed one of the great prerequisites of life, and very necessary to all aspects of life. It is one of the very basic phenomena which occurs in our natural environment, and we are each dependent upon the rain fall coming periodically in timely intervals, although like our breathing, we seldom give any special thought to its importance until eventually something goes wrong or ceases to function properly.

Spiritualism in a similar manner encompasses several of the very essential basic components which are necessary for a happy, meaningful and fulfilling life.

Yet, we find there are a significant number of those who would tend to ignore and bypass the basic and

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# Christian Spiritualist or Spiritualist?

*By Rev. Sharon L. Lynch, N.S.T.*

Once again we are hearing the questions raised: Are we Christian Spiritualists? Is there such a thing as Christian Spiritualism? If we accept the teachings of Jesus and the Christian Bible, are we then not considered to be Christian Spiritualists?

To understand why we are or why we are not a Christian organization, we must take a closer look at the religion of Christianity and its beliefs. Then we will be able to formulate a comparison of Christian theology to our own religious philosophy, if one exists.

First of all, since the Christian Bible forms the basis of Christian theology, we must look at our own views concerning it. We do not accept the Bible's infallibility for several sound reasons. Many of the stories recorded in the Bible were written with a moral purpose in mind. Some drew from personal experiences and some from communication with spirit. All were recorded through a human agency and being written by man are no more infallible than man himself.

Most of the early Biblical records pertained to health and hygiene and only later to the moral responsibilities of the individual. These rules changed as man's world changed because of his growth and understanding of the Natural Laws by which we live and have our existence. Much of what was necessary knowledge at that time, is no longer applicable in today's society.

It is also a well-known fact that when the original translations were made from manuscripts for the King James version of the Bible, only three of the 47 scholars were Hebrew and two of these died before the Psalms had been translated. Consider also the fact that the Act which authorized the translations PROHIBITED the use of anything that would deviate from the already existing belief which the Priests were using. The words "heaven" and "hell" did not exist in the original manuscripts but were taught by the clergy and therefore had to be included. These formed the basis of the Christian doctrines of Vicarious Atonement and personal Salvation.

The Emperor Constantine, commanded the rewriting of the Bible and the incorporation of the New Testament canon at the Council of Nicaea. The interpreters were ordered to change the original meaning of the words and introduce new meanings for them into the scriptures. This would unify the people, delete paganism and instill fear and obedience. This Council met in Ephesus in 325 A.D. and had at their disposal 2,231 books which contained stories of God's saviors and of great men. These were the known religious records of the world and from them, they were to determine which books should constitute the new Bible. This then was the origination of the New Testament Gospels. They introduced the theory of the Trinity with Jesus as its central figure, next to God in power and as the only son of God, born of Immaculate Conception. Jesus had once been asked if he was THE son of God and emphatically denied that he was. He told the disciples that we are ALL children of God and drew no special attention to himself in this area.

Stories and statements were altered, interpolated, names were changed and whole paragraphs revised. Most of the Gospels in the end were a compilation of the writings and manuscripts of Appolonius of Tyana. It was actually the teachings of Appolonius of Tyana that the apostle Paul

expounded as the teachings of Jesus. For this the other apostles and disciples of Jesus rejected him. The Christian Bible nevertheless was orientated around the teachings of Paul.

Years later, Ecclesiastical Scholars at Oxford, England, after 12 years of investigation of the King James version of the Christian Bible declared that the passages in the New Testament in which the Trinity and the Atonement were found were forgeries and could not be found in any of the ancient manuscripts.

The result was the building of a new doctrine around religious beliefs, hell and damnation forming the basis for the fall of man and making way for the doctrines of Immaculate Conception, Salvation and Vicarious Atonement. All of these doctrines were as interdependent on each other then as they are today. These doctrines also led to the formation of dogmas, creeds, ceremonies, and in the end to Churchanity.

It is because of these facts that we as Spiritualists do NOT accept the Bible as the infallible word of God, but rather as a record of history and as the developmental growth of human understanding.

The Bible contains for us many records of spiritual guidance and phenomena that can still stand the test of time and can be established in proven fact under scientific examination. These then are accepted as relevant. The Bible contains records of numerous instances of physical and mental phenomena which are still demonstrated and proven to be fact today, and as such the Bible lives on as a book of recorded history.

Spiritualism neither totally accepts nor totally rejects the Christian Bible. We believe that there exists no book which can contain all knowledge or all truth. With all of its faults, the Bible contains many insights into truth and wisdom and offers proof of Spiritualism's phenomena from beginning to end. Still, NO book has the final word, and there are thousands of Bibles in existence today which help mankind in all walks of life.

It is readily seen then that Christianity embraces such doctrines as the fall of man, vicarious atonement, personal salvation, hell, eternal damnation and/or heaven plus a holy Trinity of which Jesus is one segment and the only son of God. It also espouses the total infallibility of the Bible as the only "Word of God." These fundamental beliefs form the basis of Christianity.

It is easy to understand why Spiritualism, a religion founded and based on provable fact, can not and does not accept the theology of Christianity. We do not embrace the doctrines of Christianity but rather teach the personal responsibility of each individual. We DO acknowledge, the state of awareness called Christ Consciousness. We do accept that Jesus was CHRISTED, Christ being a title which means the anointed of God. We DO accept the teachings of the Master Jesus. We DO accept that Jesus was ONE of the greatest mediums, healers and teachers that the world has known, and that he himself did not aspire to godhead. Instead he told us that GREATER things than he had done, we could do also if we only believed. If Jesus were God, is it then possible for man to be greater than Deity?

Knowing all this, we then must close in on the question of WHO then are the Christian Spiritualists, and what affiliation do they have with Christianity and Spiritualism?

Christian Spiritualists have been in existence since the inception of Modern Spiritualism and no doubt for many years before that. Our early authors, Emma Hardinge, Dr. Peebles, Stanton Moses, Moses Hull, all speak of the Christian Spiritualists. In all references to them, we find that they are actually a group of people who are in the process of coming from the Christian religion to Spiritualism but still are keeping one foot in both camps. They do not belong to, or are they claimed by either organization. They are fully satisfied with neither religion so hang on to both. The weaning away from one to the other is a gradual process with many people, and until Spiritualism is fully accepted by them, these early pioneers tell us that membership should not be granted in a Spiritualist church. Early memberships which are granted with the hope that "they will soon learn" brings into the Spiritualist Church's crossed theologies which tend to water down what the religion of Spiritualism actually stands for and causes more confusion than anything else. Spiritualist Churches then tend to drift away from their own basic philosophy, accept the Doctrines of Christianity and incorporate a blending of the two diverse teachings. As the end result, their design and structure becomes alien to both the Christian religion and the Spiritualist religion. Christianity and Spiritualism teach adverse doctrines that do not blend with each other.

To say we believe in Christian theology and all that it accepts as doctrinal. NO! We are not in the least aligned with the theological beliefs of Christianity and therefore are not a Christian orientated religion in any sense of the word. The word Christian promotes a positive acceptance and belief in the

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essential truths of our philosophy and religion.

They would elect to pursue and emphasize various will-o'-the wisp glimmerings, those far-fetched and fanciful trivialities which lie in the peripheral area of our spiritual vision and understanding.

They would dilute and water down our beautiful religion with additives and interpretations which will only lead to confusion and ultimately create something which is inferior to the original – that original being the Spiritualism given through spirit to our pioneers in all its beauty and simplicity.

Religion must give more to man, presenting and involving more tangible and constructive qualities than impressive and high-sounding rhetoric, phraseology and oratory. The real test of any product must be more than a mere sales pitch; it must be measured by the results of its "track record" – a record of its usefulness and reliability.

Many people seem highly vulnerable to a clever sales pitch or presentation. In the name of progress they will respond to vague and nebulous pronouncements that are made with little regard to provable and demonstrable facts. If anything sounds "too good to be true" – it usually is just that. Religion should be above and beyond the area of speculation of theories and assumptions. Faith should always be justified. Faith when projected to the unknown should be an extension of that which is known and understood.

I recall a few years ago a very convincing and effective sales presentation was made at the County Seat of the rural community where I grew up. The "pitch" was directed primarily to the farmers and those in farm related occupations living in the area. It seemed a sure thing – very impressive and foolproof to those who listened. Many of those rural people, untrained in making and handling investments (especially those of a highly speculative nature) dipped deeply into their life savings, pleased and somewhat flattered to be included in this awesome opportunity to have their hard-earned money double, triple and quadruple in record time.

Need I proceed with the remainder of the story? I am sure you know the conclusion already. Of course the marvelous return on their investment was never realized. Neither was the money which they had invested ever seen by them again. In a short time they learned that the company which had offered one of the great financial opportunities of the century had filed for bankruptcy. Jolted by this realization, they knew they had simply been "taken." The lesson had been both an upsetting experience and an expensive one.

So we see it is very important that we hold fast to the basic proven teachings of Spiritualism. This is an area in which we need to exercise our stewardship of spiritual things as well as material things.

The true value of our own United States Government lies in the basic principles that are set forth in our Constitution, the ten amendments that were added shortly after its ratification, known as the Bill of Rights, and the other amendments which have since been added, the last being the 26th Amendment which gave eighteen-year-olds the right to vote.

The N.S.A.C. also has a Declaration of Prinicples which set forth the teachings of Spiritualism and provide the guidelines which we endeavor to live by. These principles constitute a basic structure that is clear, reliable and encompasses a wealth of wisdom.

We should each search and endeavor to increase our knowledge and understanding, but we should walk only where the footing is firm and solid.

Build your spiritual structures on foundations that are strong and proven.

In all things "allow the still small voice within to be the final arbiter."

Let us each do our part to keep Spiritualism strong and effective!

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## Christian Spiritualist Or Spiritualist?

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currently taught Christian theology.

Several people have voiced concern that Christianity is not living up to the original doctrines taught by Jesus and stated that we are, therefore we are more Christian than the so called Christians. A play with words does not eliminate the facts. Christianity is accepted world over as a belief and acceptance of the teachings of the current Christian Church. These do not formulate a part of our teachings. Spiritualism IS NOT a Christian religion.

Spiritualism is a separate individualistic religion in its own right. It embraces knowledge, understanding and wisdom from all ages and all religions when it can stand up to the tests of common sense, reason and indisputable proof. Spiritualism is not part of the Christian Religions. Spiritualists are not Christians. We are not Christian Spiritualists. We ARE Spiritualists, the adherents of a unique religion called Spiritualism.

N.S.T. Forum

# Teaching Is A Learning Experience

*By Rev. Pamela K. Ward, N.S.T.*

Teachers of Spiritualism have a most responsible and exciting position. We must know our subject and then be able to relate this knowledge to the student. Perhaps even more important, we must inspire them to want to learn and then to search for more.

When we teach the same lessons over and over again, it is easy to fall into a teaching rut. This is the easy way to teach and the material is prepared from year to year. But the rewards of such teaching gets smaller each time we go through it. It is difficult to be enthusiastic with old material you know by rote. It has the same strength as prayer by rote.

To maintain enthusiasm in our classes the teacher must be inspired with the material as well as the student. The best way to do this is to have a new understanding of the lessons and find new ways to get it across. Add to this some new ideas about the class that you have not tried before. A former student, after observing your class, should be able to say, "Gee, we didn't do that when I took your class."

Bring in something new at your next class. If you don't normally have music for your meditation, try it. If you like it, have a variety for each class, then set your theme for your introduction into the meditation according to the type of music. If it sounds like chamber music, have your students visualize themselves in a music room of the 1700's. If there are birds singing, visualize a beautiful garden with shade trees and a bird bath.

Have you tried color in your classes? Use colored paper, material or marks with a magic marker and let the students give out their impressions of the positive or negative vibrations of the different colors. Then you may explain what these colors have meant to different authorities and yourself as they apply to the aura. You may also like to bring in their representation in the chakras.

Good vibrations are necessary in classes. Music and color are two ways for keeping the vibrations inspiring. Stretch your imagination with audio and visual aids.

When teaching about the many forms of mediumship it is interesting to point out some of our early Spiritualists who were well known for that particular type of mediumship. Give a little background on the person, something that is not usually well known. Do research for each class.

Plan your classes ahead of time and be prepared. Have the material that you will need ready and in working order for when you need it.

Many of our beginning students and some of the more advanced have never seen physical phenomena. Bring your trumpet. If you don't have one, see if you can borrow one. You may not get it to move but the students can at least have this experience and they may want to work for this in their home sessions. Table tipping is another form of physical mediumship that can usually be accomplished with a couple of experienced workers – then let your students take turns sitting in. Skotographs are a little more complicated and expensive but is a good variation also. You may want your more advanced students to hold a flower seance. They may surprise you with their abilities.

Continued education was a topic at our last convention. It should not be necessary to require continuing education for our teachers. Do you realize the many ways that you can continue your education? Every

# I Love To Tell The Story

*By Diane L. Cizunas, L.M.*

I visited a Spiritualist church in the early 1970's, and have never thought of going anywhere else since then. Why? Well, that's what this story is all about.

A friend of mine, Pam, called one Sunday morning and asked if I'd like to take a ride because she needed a reading. More like a bunch of hocus-pocus was what I thought, but it was a beautiful day, so I went along for the ride. Instead of a turbaned swami with a crystal ball operating out of some store-front, we pulled up to a beautiful brick tri-level home, and the medium was most ordinary in appearance. After Pam's reading, Bob invited us to attend church services with his family.

Curiosity got the better of me, so I piled in the car with the rest. I simply couldn't imagine what type of church this man could belong to. The service, I vowed, was a once in a lifetime deal. While Bob was driving home, Pam complained that her sinuses were really bothering her. "No problem, " said Bob, "I'll give you a healing when we get back to the house."

I'd been pretty quiet up until this point when I burst out saying, "If you can heal her sinuses, heal my hand." (I had an accident about a year earlier when I shattered my elbow and severed some nerves running to my fingers, I was told by my doctor that they had done the best they could, but I would never regain use of the last two fingers of my right hand. Without the nerves connected, the muscles had atrophied and the skin was an angry red and quite cold to the touch.) Unruffled, Bob replied, "Well, we'll give it a try." The first healing produced a tingling sensation in my fingers. He asked me to come to unfoldment class the next night for another healing.

Monday night saw me at the class. We had a lesson on Spiritualism, followed by my healing. Then came time for the seance. With only one red light burning, I saw many things, but dismissed them as my eyes playing tricks on me. Again, I vowed that this was to be a one time deal. Suddenly, Bob was glowing the most beautiful blue I've ever seen. I looked around for trick lights, and at Pam to see if she saw anything, but there was no explanation. I had to tell what I saw, and, being so new, broke up the vibration of the circle.

Needless to say, I broke both my vows. I now have a hand as perfectly workable as the other. I continue to study our fine religion, and I love to tell the story of why I'm a Spiritualist.

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book you read about science, philosophy or religion is a continuation of your education. And every sermon that you deliver should also bring you new thoughts and a better understanding about our religion. If you do not learn something new each time you teach a class, then you are not working to your full potential.

Teachers who look for classes to go to themselves are usually the best educators. You may not agree with everything that is taught but you should learn something even if it is how not to teach. Ideas that can help you may come from many sources.

A good teacher inspires enthusiasm and you can only give out what you have. We must set the example for our students. Show them that learning Spiritualism is an exciting and enjoyable experience.

# Back To The Future

*By Rev. Betty Nauratil*

"Behold we are with you always." If we listen with our spiritual ears we can hear our pioneers of the past telling of their presence. As we teach from the pulpit, our classes or our everyday existence we tell of the hardships they endured, the scorn and physical pain they faced to bring this religion to the masses. Why do we not tell also of the many rewards they must have felt when great numbers of people came to cheer and support this truth of life after life. Surely, the experience of helping those in grave need of upliftment or seeking a more spiritual way of living in this expression was gratifying to our pioneers. If all of this was not so, would they have continued to labor so hard on that rock infested road? As very sensitive humans, they had to derive that feeling of the purpose in motion, of personal pride in what they were doing to and with this new and greater truth.

By putting it before a world in need of compassion for others, values that seemed put aside, restless in the approach to God's laws, war in this "free country," bondage of fellow humans, they placed before man a way of seeking higher thoughts and strived to advance our everyday life with the words of spiritual value for all if they but looked. As in all of history, there was and will be those who do not want people to think beyond today, to build toward the next expression. There will always be those happy in their little world surrounded by blinders and dogmas from the past. They need not take the step to their own responsibilities while here. Let us all, we the living tell seekers of rewards and not just of pain.

## AN OPEN LETTER

To all Spiritualists in the United States:

All Spiritualists who are interested in promulgating Spiritualism, now is the time to come to the aid of our organization.

We are the only nationally-recognized chartered Spiritualist organization; and we must realize that there are those who are still disgruntled and those who have left for one reason or another. But resigning and staying on the side lines does not a player make. If you are not playing, you cannot win.

With the 1988 National Spiritualist Association of Churches convention upcoming, let us all become players. By sharing strength, if in no other way, either by attending in person or sending a letter showing your belief and support in our national organization.

In growth, harmony and love,
Al Ferency,
Executive Chairperson
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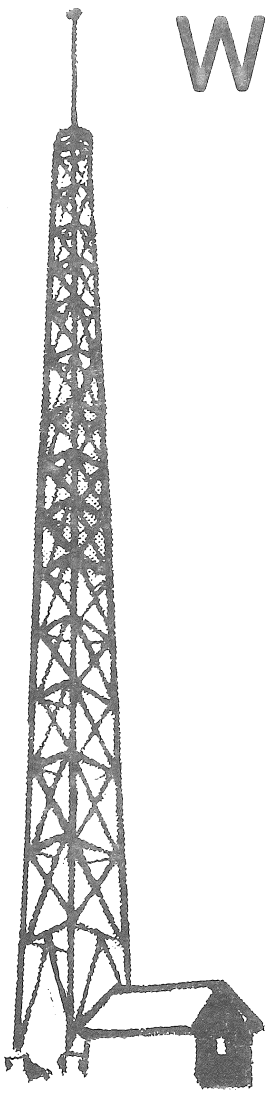
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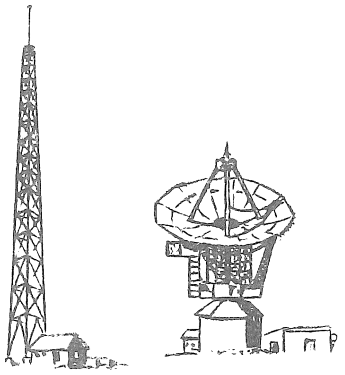
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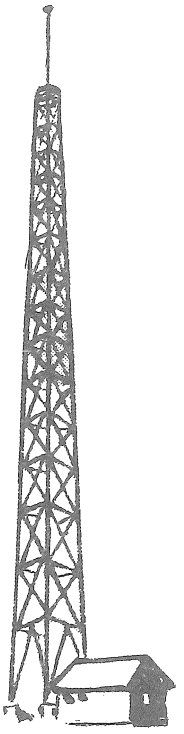
# WORLDS BEYOND

## The Time Is Now

Two Worlds communication to be universally broadcast.
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# Worlds Beyond Update

What we have been waiting so long for has finally become a reality. The production has been finalized and by the time this article goes to print, should be available to those desiring to order the tapes.

The first two of five tapes covering Mediumship and Healing were shown at the National Convention in San Diego and a rousing ovation was given the production crew that has brought forth what will be five (5) one-half hour tapes.

The quality of the film and the treatment of the subject matter is unsurpassed, and credit goes to Executive Producer Joseph Calloway, Producer Elizabeth Ulm, Technical Adviser, the Reverend Anna Franz and Secretary the Reverend Louise Espinoza.

The professional film crew spent nearly two weeks at Lily Dale which offers a natural setting for the film and being all non-Spiritualists with the exception of James Vancey, Script Writer, a profound impression was left on the crew, relative to the religion Worlds Beyond represents.

Until finances can be built up for a nation-wide presentation of Worlds Beyond, it will remain for churches and church groups - National and non-National to purchase the tapes for local showing. One method for public showing is for local churches to make contact with television stations in their area and obtain time for public showing in their area.

There are five (5) one half hour tapes and will be available from the N.S.A.C. office at $100 for each tape, or $450 for the five tape set.

This must not be the end! Our original aim is to have Worlds Beyond on a national hook-up and for this purpose we must not let up on our appeal for donations. $145,000 went into the production of Worlds Beyond which more than depleted the donations we gratefully received from contributors. We must keep on KEEPING ON to get Worlds Beyond before the public nationally, and to continue making more tapes bringing the scientific, philosophical religion of Spiritualism to the world at large.

**With YOUR help and contributions this CAN BE DONE!**

# Spiritual Healing

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL HEALING

*I ask the great unseen healing force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health. I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part.*

*I ask this great unseen healing force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health. I put my trust in the love and power of God.*

A number of the telephone calls received by our church are requests to place the name of a loved one or friend on our healing list. These names are read at each of the healing services. Some of these people, for whom healing is requested live in other states. Others live many miles from our church.

We find it gratifying to know that so many people are knowledgeable of the great healing power which can be ours for the asking. It is especially rewarding when a note of thanks is received, telling how an individual has been relieved of pain and discomfort, or perhaps of a speedy recovery from an illness which has surprised the attending physicians.

Even if we do not fully understand the workings of spiritual healing, we know that it is genuine, that beneficial results are frequent and that so-called "miracles" are happening daily.

Let us utilize to the fullest this marvelous gift which is our heritage and birthright. It is as real and workable today as when it was demonstrated by Jesus two-thousand years ago.

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SPIRITUAL HEALING REQUEST
(Please Print)

I request Spiritual Healing for:

_____

because of the following condition _____

I will pray with NSAC Prayer Groups-Day _____Night _____

I will send a report of prayer results - Weekly _____Monthly _____

Please apply my love offering of _____for needed supplies at Healing Center.

This Spiritual Healing Request made by:

_____
(Your Name)

_____
(Your Address)

_____
(Your City, State, and Zip Code)

Mailing address: Spiritualist Church of Eternal Brotherhood, 1980 Bailey Ave., Buffalo, NY 14211. Attn: Mrs. Sue Desimone. You will receive a "One Each Day" packet. To request information on "How to Form a Spiritual Healing Prayer Group" Check here: ☐

The National Healing Center is in the process of updating their records. For this reason we are asking that if you, your church or organization are currently holding a Healing Prayer Group that you please notify us of its activities. Please include the group leaders name, members names, place, day of the week and time of meeting.

If your group is already listed with us, please forward once more the above requested information as it will help with our update.

If you are not currently involved with a Healing Prayer Group and would like to be a member of one or wish to organize such a group, please write to the above address and information will be sent to you.

# "Are You There, Howard, Ole Boy?"

*By Vollie Tripp*

In the course of 85 years plus, a person is bound to meet a lot of mighty nice people – as well as a goodly number of bums and scrubs. This has been our experience. But in my opinion the person most advanced, spiritually, morally and intellectually, best prepared to enroll in the Next Plane, was Howard Sherman.

I first met Howard in San Diego, in 1932. I had a job, of sorts, with T. H. Shore & Staff, advertising and publicity. I was trying to work up a layout for a large ad that required considerable art skill. I had little. Howard had just stopped by on one of his regular weekly calls to see if we had any work for him. Mr. Shore introduced us. Howard made a few tactful suggestions about the layout. At once I saw that this slight sensitive man had forgotten more about layout work than I would ever know. We became friends at once, and remained so for many years.

Howard and his good wife, Laurel, had come from New York the year before, hoping to retire in this pleasant Western coast city. But he had lost heavily in the stock market crash in 1929, and was forced to go back to work again. And work of any kind was mighty hard to come by in those post depression years. In the field of commercial art, jobs were even harder to find. But Howard made his weekly calls at the advertising agencies, picking up small jobs from time to time.

Our long conversations often drifted into the arcane and esoteric. Howard once asked if I had ever investigated Spiritualism. I said no, that I had no faith in their claims, as I thought they were accomplished by fraud and trickery, and the naivete of the people who went in for it. He did not try to convince me, and told his wife I was just "not ready for it yet."

However, we soon began to meet at the large Sherman house in Northpark for table tipping sessions. Another couple, Spence Palmer and his wife Marie, often joined us. The three couples, including my wife Hazel, would all gather about a large round table, in the pleasant dining room.

I must say that table tipping is a crude and awkward technique for contacting the Spirit World. All the same it is better than no system, and can often lead to more sophisticated methods of communication.

The table covering removed, the six of us would arrange ourselves comfortably, the sexes alternating, and hands resting lightly upon the table surface. Howard took charge, as a rule with a prayer, in which he asked God to bless what we were trying to do. He would ask all troublesome or mischievous entities to kindly stay away, unless they came seeking help. In this case we would try to help them any way we could. I might add here that in the many months we held these sittings, no troublesome or negative entities ever intruded upon us.

Now we generally sang a few sacred songs. "Where the Roses Never Fade," was one of our favorites. Before the songs were over the table usually began to tip, just as if some adult were underneath it, pushing one edge up, often into the lap of Laurel.

We all assumed this was Laurel's mother, and to her question: "Is that you, Mother?" – the table would become much animated, pushing the edge into Laurel's lap, as if to express love and affection. At times it would remain in this position for a minute or two. As a rule all got a "message" of some sort, or at any

rate a note of recognition and love from some departed friend or relative.

Under ideal conditions, it is possible to get a name, or even a brief message by this system. The table will tip once for the letter A, for example, then pause. Two tips and another pause, signifies the B, and so on throughout the alphabet. But as one gets further into the list of words it gets harder and harder to keep track of them. But a brief message: "I love you," followed by a name, not always clear, was now and then received.

At this time a retired Englishman, Dr. Harry Newling, and his wife, often visited us. These fine intelligent people were much interested in the psychic and paranormal. I think the English are ahead of us in this field. My interest in the psychic and Spiritualism generally were now fully aroused, and any lingering doubts concerning the validity of their claims put to rest. I began to attend the services held at the old First Spiritualist Church, in San Diego, until late 1939. It literally opened up to me a great new world. The amazing demonstrations put on week after week by Dr. Robert Moore, and his medium, Mrs. Claire Moore, have been reported in part in the pages of this magazine, at various times.

But I feel that still more ought to be said concerning this highly developed character, Howard Sherman. He changed my own life, and I feel must have changed the lives of all who had the good fortune to know him.

Howard was born in Michigan, and as a young man went to New York, where he worked his way through college, majoring in commercial art. Upon graduation, he soon found employment with a large advertising firm, where he remained for many years. He once told me he went to the great city determined to succeed in a big way. He was willing to pay any price, toil and slave and sacrifice to "make it" in a big way. This meant achievement, recognition, fame, position, and of course, lots and lots of money – perhaps a fine home overlooking the upper Hudson River.

But all too soon he was to know dismay. He found that there were hundreds of others, yes, thousands of other young men with the same ideas, and the same determination, all of them bent upon the same elusive goal. And many of these young men were even better equipped than he, more natural talent, greater physical endurance, and possibly even more determined.

Howard now took note of the words of old Socrates, to "Know thyself." He began to catalog his strengths, and his weaknesses. Too, he began to do some critical thinking about this thing men call "success." He formed a motto, "Take the attainable and idealize it." And he lived by this principle all of his life. It enabled the two of them to live well, on a high plane, even when times were pretty rough.

There were times, Howard told me, when even food was hard to put on the table. But Laurel was resourceful, and a fine cook as well. Sometimes there would be just one main dish on the board, and a fruit drink. But there were always flowers on the table, and the thoughtful blessings given by this highly perfected man were food for the Spirit as well.

However there was an even better reason why Howard Sherman, with the full suppport of his loyal wife, decided, once and for all to chuck the frantic struggle for success, in the usual meaning of the term. Said he one time: "We all know beyond any possible doubt that we will soon enter a place or plane of existence that is very different from the one where we now live and function. There is the strong possibility that the values and standards in that plane will be very different from the ones we know now. In fact, there is a strong suspicion that success, in the usual meaning, may even be a bit of a hindrance – something to overcome, over there!"

"So . . . where is the sense in beating out our poor brains, wearing out our fragile bodies, to gain credits, money, fame, property, power and the envy of our peers that may be without any value in a few short years?" Then and there Howard Sherman decided he was not going to be caught in this trap, no matter how attractive the bait.

This bit could have a special relevance to Spiritualists. I have seen and heard enough to make me feel the two spheres are very different, and values there and here may be at times in actual conflict. Howard Sherman's example could save us a lot of needless heartache. Let's give him and his words some thought – shall we?

A blacksmith first thinks of the
shape he wants the iron to be.
He then works up some heat
about the idea and the material.
He then proceeds to hammer
the material into shape.
Building a life is
something like that. – Price

# Leave Yesterday Where It Is

*By Brother John*
*(From Psychic News)*

Many years ago I wrote a book. No, not the one to which reference is made at the end of these articles each week, but a detailed narrative of my life as a working Spiritualist. The material used was the result of keeping daily diaries.

By a "working Spiritualist" I would explain that what I wrote was based entirely on a period of 30 years from the time I first became a Spiritualist and immediately began work as a healer. A period in which I had many experiences and not all of them connected with healing.

The book comprises 300 typewritten pages. There are photographs and press cuttings, and it took me 18 months to complete. But it will never be published; it is far too personal for that. I really wrote it to "get things out of my system," if you can understand that. Recently I have reread it, and many memories were revived.

Most of us have a habit – we older ones – of looking back, bringing to mind occasions bitter and sweet, and of telling ourselves what we ought to have done, and would do if we could have our time over again.

Of one thing I am sure, though. If I had my time again, without any doubt I would be a Spiritualist – and a healer. Of all the work done by Spiritualists, I consider healing to be the most beautiful and worthwhile.

That is not to decry other forms of psychic work. All the many activities our movement promotes, play their vital part, for Spiritualism covers every facet of life and supplies substance wherever it is needed most.

But to be able to ease suffering, take away pain and bring blessed relief is to experience something which transcends the ability to put into words. It is one of the spiritual gifts which cannot be measured as to its beneficence.

In the writing of the book referred to, I came upon instances where worry dominated my thinking which well nigh destroyed my faith in my fellow-beings. Today I can see how foolish that was. I don't say that troubles cannot sorely try a man, but generally they are not as bad as he may think.

Much of one's worry can often be sheer imagination and little else. It is an imagination that will lie and cheat and haunt. It can make mountains out of molehills, presenting to the mind the darkest and most threatening pictures of what is going to happen.

But it does not happen. How often do we find this to be so? And to realize that if we expect trouble we may help to make it possible? That is a kind of faith and thus we manufacture our own miseries.

Many of us live in a world of our own, which is not a real world at all. Rather it is one of hopes and fears, dreads and dislikes, inhibitions, suspicions, obsessions and anticipations. Such a "world" is a dangerous one, for it is the outcome of one of the most potent of all forces – thought.

As for dwelling on the past, well, that has gone and the future is yet to come. We take a long time learning how not to cross our bridges until we come to them. I did.

In fact I can see I was receiving spirit help which at no time failed me, though I was not always aware of it. Herein lies a lesson for all Spiritualists. We *are* helped and guided, and we do not face our problems unaided. We *are* encompassed by unseen witnesses who are aware of our needs.

Perhaps it *is* best to leave yesterday where it is, to let bygones, happy or unhappy, be bygones. As Silver Birch once said, "Look neither to the left, nor to the right, nor backwards. The pages of the past are closed. It is today that matters. The future will result from what you do today."

# Directory of Ministers

Qualifications Certified by N.S.A.C. Readers are advised to telephone or write in advance for appointments.
(See N.S.A.C. 1988 Year Book for complete listing.)

## ARIZONA

Phoenix -

Baker, Rev. Bernard F., N.S.T., 1710 E. Bell De Mar, Tempe 85283. (602) 838-8990.

Tisdale, Janet, Medium. Commissioned Healer, Private consultation. By appointment only. 11457 Hildago, Tolleson, AZ 85353. (602) 936-7019.

## CALIFORNIA

Auburn-

Scher, Rev. Frances, Medium, N.S.T., 190 Hoffman Ave. Apt. No. 33, 95603-4238, (916) 885-6320; Classes, Private consultations.

Lafayette -

Nauratil, Rev's Betty and Don, Certified Medium, Comm. Healers. Church of Two Worlds. San Leandro 1048 Via Roble, 94549. (415) 283-1449.

Larkspur -

Thurman, Rev. Barbara W., N.S.T., Medium, Comm. Healer, & Classes. 200 Marina Vista Rd., 94939. (415) 924-1106.

San Carlos-

Woelfl, Rev. Genevieve L., NST, Medium Consultant. 800 Walnut St., Suite #2. 94070. Appointment only. (415) 595-4706.

San Francisco-

Arnott, Rev. Wilma, NST. 55 Woodhaven Crt. 94131. (415) 731-5660.

San Jose-

Peruch, Rev. Louise, NST. Medium. Private consultation. By Appt. only. 1252 West Hedding St. (408) 241-0576.

San Leandro-

Smith, Rev. Connie C., NST. N.S.A.C. Missionary. 660 Broadmoor Blvd. 94577. (415) 568-3846.

Santa Barbara-

Foard, Rev. Edmund L., Medium. 1028 Garden St. 93101. (805) 965-6745.

## FLORIDA

Cassadaga-

Ward, Mae Graves, Licentiate & Medium. P.O. Box 102, 32706.

Casselberry-

Green, Margaret E., Licentiate. Medium. Comm. Healer. 843 Winter Park Dr., 32707. (407) 699-4421.

Orlando-

Edgar, Rev. Elizabeth R., Healer. 3320 Clemwood Dr. 32803. (407) 894-5930.

Ward, Rev. Pamela K., N.S.T., Medium, Healer. 4520 Southmore Dr., 32812. (407) 857-1573.

West Palm Beach-

Helen D. Cherry, Medium. 153 Lake Susan Dr., West Palm Beach, FL 33411. (407) 684-9072.

## ILLINOIS

Chicago-

Gross, Anna, Medium. 10930 S Ave. M 60617. (312) 734-1979.

Pekin-

Phillips, Elsie L., Licentiate and Medium. Consultation and classes by appointment. 444 Parkway Dr., Pekin, IL 61554. (309) 347-2996.

## INDIANA

Fort Wayne-

Cummings, Rev. Edward Paul, Medium, Classes, Private consultations by appointment only. 1417 Louisedale Dr. 46808 (219) 482-2556.

Fisher, Rev. Jay, NST. Medium. Classes Private consultations by appointment only. 3116 River Forest Dr. 46805 (219) 483-0386.

Gary-

James, Jesse Jr., Licentiate & Medium. 1301 Pennsylvania St. 46407. By appointment only. (219) 885-0091.

Tousana, Mable, Certified Medium. 1421 Pennsylvania 46407. (219) 883-1635. By Appointment Only.

Indianapolis-

Reed, Henrietta, Licentiate & Medium. 1321 E. Spann Ave. 46203. (317) 638-1182.

Muncie-

Falls, Rev. Virginia L., Medium, Healer. N.S.A.C. Missionary. 1925 W. 9th St. (317) 285-.494.

## IOWA

Clinton-

Ridyard, May, Licentiate & Medium. 1249 S. 15th Ave. 52732. (319) 242-0462.

Ridyard, Edward E., Licentiate. 1249 S. 15th Ave. 52732. (319) 242-0462.

Davenport-

Buchholz, Anita J., Licentiate & Medium. 1502 W. 7th St. 52802. (319) 326-3453.

Buchholz, William E., Sr., Licentiate 1502 W. 7th St. 52802. (319) 326-3453.

Buchholz, Rev. William E., Jr., Medium and Comm. Healer. 421 E. Tenth 52803. (319) 326-3201.

## MAINE

Bangor -

Keith, Rev. J.R., 83 1 St., Bangor Maine 04401.

## MASSACHUSETTS

Danvers-

Worsencroft, Rev. Gladys H., Medium. N.S.A.C. Missionary. 28 Riverside St. 01923. (617) 774 2559.

## MICHIGAN

Grand Rapids -

Allen, Rev. Cosie; 1418 Hall St., 49506.(616) 241-2761.

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Duluth-

Leskinen, Sheila B., Healer. 327 S. 59th Ave. W. 55807. Winter: 4708 Oakeller Circle Tampa, FL 33611.

Two Harbors-

Johnson, June Marie, Healer. Rt. 1, Box 249 55616.

NEVADA

Minden -

Potter, Louis, Licentiate Minister. Certified Medium. P.O. Box 1657, Minden, Nevada 89423. (702) 267-2492.

NEW JERSEY

Willingboro-

Smith, Theresa A., Licentiate Minister and Certified Medium. 36 Mayfair Circle, 08046.

NEW YORK

Delevan-

Spencer, Mrs. Maude, Medium. Box 511, 14042.

Spencer, Rev. Paul, N.S.T., Box 511, 14042.

Lily Dale-

Conner-Savelli, Barbara J., Licentiate Minister, Medium. Private consultations. 10 - 3rd St., Lily Dale, NY 14752. (716) 595-3901.

OHIO

Westerville-

Griffen, Rev. Neil C., Ph.D., Medium, Healer. 8521 Worthington Rd. 43081. (614) 895-0873.

PENNSYLVANIA

Bethelehem-

Frace, Rev. Bertram C., Absent & Contact Healing 2044 Ridgelawn Ave. 18018. (215) 868-5476.

TEXAS

Austin-

Brown, Mrs. Frances, Licentiate & Medium. 2731 S. Congress. Apt. 3105 78704. (512) 447-2188.

VIRGINIA

Arlington-

Bates, Virginia E., Licentiate Minister. 2716 N. Lexington St. 22207. (703) 538-5164.

WISCONSIN

La Crosse-

Mahan, Kattie E., Licentiate, Medium, Healer. Consultation & Classes by appointment. 425 N. 12th St. La Crosse. WI 54601-3506. (608) 784-7964.

ENGLAND

London-

Freeman, Agnes, International Psychic. Medium, Healer, Animals. Advise and help by private sittings. 22 Callcott Rd. Kilburn NW67AE London, England. 624-8542.

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# Directory of N.S.A.C. Chartered Churches and Auxiliaries

ARIZONA

**PHOENIX - Chapel of the Sunflower, N.S.A.C.,**
(Spiritual Light Church) 2250 N. 16th St. (corner of Oak) Suite 101; Pastor, Rev. Bernard F. Baker, N.S.T.; Service Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

**PHOENIX - Harmony Chapel, N.S.A.C.,**
1522 Encanto Blvd.; Pastor, Rev. Alma Reeves; Devotional Serv. Sun. 11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., Healing & Message Serv. Wed. 7:30 p.m., All Message Circle Sat. 7:30 p.m., 1st Sun. - Board Meeting 1:00 p.m., 2nd Sun. - Fellowship Sunday 11:00 a.m., 4th Sun. - Covered Dish Dinner 6:00 p.m., Thurs. Night Classes on the Sci., Phil. & Rel. of Spiritualism taught by Pastor Alma Reeves; Secy., Trina Huerta, 8725 E. McDonald Dr., Scottsdale 85253 (602)991-2160.

CALIFORNIA

REDWOOD CITY - Redwood Church of Spiritual Science, N.S.A.C., 149 Clinton St.; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pres., Sondra Dibble, 1260 Drake Ave., Burlingame, CA 94010; Secy., Barbara Welge, 50 Horgan Ave., #55, Redwood City, CA 94061, (415) 364-8476.

RESEDA - Spiritualist Chapel of the Flowers,
6746 Yarmouth Ave., 1 blk. west of White Oak at Vanowen; Services Sun. 11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. - Tues. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Pat Smith, N.S.T., 5935 Lemp Ave. # 4, N. Hollywood 91601, (818) 762-0773; Pres., Donna Scott, (818) 705-5725.

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY - Spiritualist Church,
604 South "H" St., 92410; Sun. Serv. Healing & Dev. 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Anna Franz, 353 West "E" St., Colton 92324; Pres., Dana Calhoun; Secy., Janice Larcom, 913 Kansas, Colton, 92324, (714) 825-6926 or (714) 825-5817.

SAN DIEGO - Progressive Spiritualist Church
4144 Campus Ave.; Sun. Services 7:00 p.m., Healing & Worship; Pastor & Secy., Rev. Daisy Brunner, Rt. #5, Box 185 Escondido, 92025, (619) 741-8250.

SAN FRANCISCO - First Spiritual Temple,
3324 17th St. 94110; Serv. Sun. 10:00 a.m., Classes 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:00 p.m.; Messages 2nd, 4th & 5th Tues. 7:00 p.m.; Pres. & Pastor, Rev. Alfred A. Conner, N.S.T., 3324 17th St. 94110, (415) 621-0491; Secy., Mary Ann Hylander.

SAN FRANCISCO - First Temple of Spiritualism,
3324 17th St. 94110; Serv. Sun. 10:00 a.m., Classes 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:00 p.m.; Messages 2nd, 4th & 5th Tues. 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Alfred A. Conner, N.S.T., 3324 17th St. 94110, (415) 621-0491; Pres. Linda McClenahan; Secy. Barbara Ann Love.

SAN FRANCISCO Golden Gate Spiritualist Church,
1901 Franklin St. (Cor. of ) Lyceum, Sun. 11:00 a.m., Healing 6:00 p.m. Service 6:30 p.m., Wed. Healing 7:30 p.m., Serv. 8:00 p.m. (415) 885-9976

SAN JOSE - The Spiritual Science of Life Church
"The Friendly Church", 729 Morse Street, (Corner of Morse St. & Naglee), 95126; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Louise Peruch, N.S.T., 1252 W. Hedding St., 95126, (408) 241-0576; Secy., Mrs. Belen Barrera; Mailing Address: 1252 W. Hedding Street, San Jose, CA 95126.

SAN LEANDRO - Church of Two Worlds, N.S.A.C.,
1349 Hays 94577; Sun. Serv. 10:15 to Noon; Co-Pastors, Rev.'s Betty and Don Nauratil, (415) 283-1449; Secy., Rev. Betty Nauratil, 1048 Via Roble, Lafayette 94549.

SAN RAFAEL - Serenity Spiritualist Association,
322 Upper Road 94903; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Richard P. Goodwin; Secy., Sandra Johnson, (415) 472-3633. (Church address for mailing).

SANTA BARBARA - Summerland Church of The Comforter,
1028 Garden St. 93101; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Edmond Foard (805)965-6745; Secy., Rosemary DeMarco (805)685-2650; Church Phone (805)965-4474.

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DENVER - Temple of Harmony Church,
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## CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
228 Broad St., Norwich 06360; Pres., Joyce Orcutt, Wales Rd., Andover 06232; Secy., Donna Szall, RFD #1 Geer Rd., Jewett City 06351.

NEWINGTON - Church of the Infinite Spirit,
Masonic Temple, 80 Walsh Ave. 06111; Church phone (203)666-1606; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Catherine J. Margiotta, 46 Webb St., Waterbury 06704 (203)754-3559; Pres., Richard S. O'Brien, 92 Vera St., West Hartford 06119 (203)521-2803; Secy., Roberta Howd, 37 Center Rd., Tolland (203)666-1606.

NEW LONDON - The New London Spiritualist Church Inc.,
P.O. Box 1268, New London, 06320; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Henrietta Cox; Pres., Iris Larson, 53 Phillips St., Waterford, 06387, (203) 447-0928; Secy., Lynn Haluga, 70 Dell Ave. New London, 06320, (203) 442-5810.

OLD GREENWICH - Alberton Memorial Church,
293 Sound Beach Ave. 06870; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Melvin O. Smith; Secy., George A. Bailey, 5 Parkview Rd., Rowayton 06853 (203)853-0202 or 866-1113.

WILLIMANTIC - First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic,
268 High St. 06226; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pres. Joyce Orcutt, 13 Wales Rd. Andover, CT 06232, (203) 742-7846; Secy., Donna .M. Szall, RFD 1, Box 551, Jewett City 06351 (203) 376-3382.

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## FLORIDA

ORLANDO - Spiritualist Church of Awareness, N.S.A.C.
3210 Chickasaw Trail (P.O. Box 571043, 32857); Sun. 10:30 a.m. and Wed. 7:30 p.m; Healing, Lecture, Messages all services; Pastor, Rev. Pamela K. Ward (407) 857-1573; Pres., Jean I. Lerch (407) 834-5378; Secy., Cheryl A. Kohler (407) 277-6634.

## ILLINOIS

AURORA - Christabelle Spiritualist Church of Aurora, Inc.,
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BURNHAM - Puritan Spiritualist Church,
13906 Greenbay Ave., 60633; Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m. & Wed. 7:00 p.m.; Pastor. Anna Gross, 10930 Ave. "M", Chicago, 60617; Secy., Diane L. Cizunas, 251 Park Lane, Chicago Heights, IL 60411.

CHICAGO - Spiritualist Church of Truth,
6343 West Cuyler (½ block north of Irving Pk.) 60634; Sun. Serv. 3:00 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Helen Lopotowski, 4050 N. Oriole, Norridge 60634, (312) 452-8754; Secy., Mrs. Anna Habenicht, 5925 W. Byrn Maur 60646; Mr. Fred Detzner, Conductor every second Sunday after Church Service.

CHICAGO - Tucker Smith Memorial Spiritualist Temple,
6146 S. Ashland Ave., 60636; Sun. Serv. 11:30 a.m., Lyceum every third Sun.; Pastor, Louise Washington, 6146 S. Ashland Ave., 60636; Secy., L.B. Johnson, 8227 S. Marquette, 60617

CICERO - First Spiritualist Church of Cicero,
5033 W. 25th Pl. 60650; Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m., Lecture, Messages & Healing; Pastor & Pres., Ellen Stopa, 5033 W. 25th Pl. 60650; Secy., Joseph A. Stopa (312)652-6953.

LEROY - J.T. & E.J. Crumbaugh Spiritualist Church,
102 S. Pearl St.; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Lyceum Sun. 12:30 p.m., Tues. 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bryan McCotter; 313 E. Center St. 61752; Pres., Ella Martinovich, 1402 E. College, Normal, IL 61761, (309) 452-1738; Secy., Terri Baumgartner, 404 W. Oakland, Apt.1, Bloomington, IL 61701, (309) 828- 0872.

## INDIANA

INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUALISTS,
Pres., Rev. William F. Melick, 1806 E. 66th St., Indianapolis, 46220; Secy., Doris Copeland, 5096N 300E Greenfield IN 46140, (317) 326-2523.

FORT WAYNE - Spiritualist Church of Divine Science,
1615 Wells St., P.O. Box 8151, 46898; Sun. Lyceum Classes for all ages 10:00 a.m.; Sun. Philosophy class 6:00 p.m. (Sept. - May, 1st & 3rd Sun.); Sun. & Thurs. Services 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bernice Brock; Assoc. Pastors, Rev. Jay Fisher & Rev. Ed Cummings; Secy., Jeanne Navarro.

FRANKFORT - First Spiritualist Church of Frankfort Inc.,
Magnolia & Green Sts.; Serv. Sun. Lyceum 1:00 p.m., Church Serv. 2:30 p.m., 1st and 3rd Sun. each month, Dinner at 5:00 p.m., Message Circle 6:00 p.m.; Pres., Billy Joe Gregory; Secy., Henrietta Reed, 1321 E. Spann Ave., Indianapolis 46203.

INDIANAPOLIS - Psychic Science Spiritualist Church, Inc.,
1415 Central Ave.; Healing Serv. 7:00 p.m., Devotional Serv. 7:30 p.m., Sun & Thurs., Tues. All Message Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Herbert Ray Worth, (317) 251-4889, Secy., Edith Myers, (317) 248-9773.

MICHIGAN CITY - Spiritual Science Church, N.S.A.C.,
314 W. Coolspring Ave.; Correspondence to: P.O. Box 8923, 46360, (219) 874-6002; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Pastor & Pres., Rev. Ruth Novak, 7008 W. U.S. 20 W. Daphne Park 46360, (219) 872-6621; Secy., Carleen Boyle, 2878 W. Small Rd. LaPorte, IN 46350.

MUNCIE - First Church of Spiritual Science, N.S.A.C.,
Corner of Ninth & Mulberry; Sun. Healing Serv. 2:30 p.m., Church Serv. 2:45 p.m., Dinner served last Sun. of the month at 5:00 p.m. followed by Student Serv. 6:00 pm., Unfoldment Classes Tues. 8:00 p.m., Muncie - Fri. 8:00 p.m. Chesterfield; Pastor, Rev. Virginia L. Falls, 1925 W. Ninth St. 47302, 284-2494; Secy., Doris Copeland, 5096 N. 300 E. Greenfield IN 46140, 326-2523.

PERU - First Psychic Science Spiritualist Church,
62 S. Miami St., 46970; Serv. Sun. 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Anita Wentz, 16509 State Road 120, Bristol, IN 46507; Secy., Virginia E. Hoover, 504 Tanguy St., Logansport 46947, (219) 732-0270 or 563-6359; Lyceum and General Philosophy Class at 12:30 p.m. Sun., All ages are welcome.

## IOWA

CLINTON - First Spiritualist Church,
541 - 6th Ave. So. 52732; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m., Classes Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor & Pres., Edward E. Ridyard; Secy., May Ridyard, 1249 - 15th Ave. So. 52732 (319)243-3233.

DAVENPORT - Spiritualist Harmony Church,
1429 W. 7th St. 52802, (319) 324-9659; Worship & Message Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m., Lyceums: Adults - Tues. 7:00 p.m., Children's - Sat. 9:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr., 421 East Tenth St., 52803, (319) 326-3201; Secy., Anita Buchholz, 1502 West Seventh St., 52802, (319) 326-3453.

## MAINE

MAINE STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
Pres., Thomas B. Haldane, Box 222, Rt. 1, W. Buxton 04093; Treas., Bernard R. Langley, RFD No. 4, Box 208-L17, Auburn 04210; Secy., Florence C. Langley, Same address.

DOVER-FOXCROFT - First Piscataquis Spiritualist Church,
Thompson Free Library Clubroom 04426; Services 2nd Sun. each month at 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Kathy Herring, RFD No. 1, Box 55, 04426; Secy., Kathryn Weymouth, RFD No. 1, Box 16, Abbott 04406 (207)876-3005.

ETNA - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church,
Rte. #1 Box 4 Etna, ME 04434, May - Sept. Only; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Lyceum Sun. 10:00 a.m.; Healing Serv. Wed. 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Arlene Sikora, (207) 269-3451 & (207) 938-2807; Pres., Willadeen Dew, Box 105, 04434; Secy., Florence Seavey, Rte. #1 Box 4, 04434, (207) 269-4334.

PORTLAND - Portland Spiritualist Church,
180 Sawyer St., So. Portland, 04106; Servs. Sun. & Wed. at 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Thomas Haldane, R-1, Box 222, W. Buxton, 04093, (207) 767-3611; Pres., Sheila Werner, P.O. Box 14, New Gloucester, 04260; Secy. Agnes E. Haldane, R-1, Box 222, W. Buxton, 04093, (207) 767-3611.

## MASSACHUSETTS

BROCKTON - First Spiritualist Church,
54 Glenwood St., 02401; Services - Sun. & Thurs. Healing & Devotional 7:00 p.m.; No Sun. Serv. June, July, & Aug.; Pastor, Rev. Gertrude Stevens, 68 Perkins St., 02402, 587-5107; Pres., Gerry Allain, (401) 437-0703; Secy., Mary Lou Lambert, (617) 659-2952; Church Phone: (617) 586-7671.

METHUEN - The Church of Spiritual Life (Spiritualist),
37 Lowell St. 01844 (In Chapel of Methodist Church ;) Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m. Pastor, Stephanie Frobese, 54 Connolly Rd., Pinehurst, 01866 (617) 677-6437; Secy., Paul E. Butzien, 33 Lynn St,. Lawrence, 01843 (617) 794-1473.

SALEM - First Spiritualist Church, Inc.,
34 Warren St. 01970; Early service 5:30-6 P.M.: lunch break 6-6:30: Healing & Evening service 6:30-8 P.M.. Telephone for weather cancellations: (617) 745-2098. Wednesday Billet service 2 P.M. Church season is Sunday after Labor Day - last Sunday in May. Billet service Oct-May. Pastor, Rev. Gladys Worsencroft, 28 Riverside St., Danvers 01923; Pres., Mrs. Muriel Karolides, 9 harbor St., Danvers, Ma., 01923, (617) 774-2753; Secy., Patricia A. Bertucci, 190 Sycamore St., Roslindale 02131 (617) 469-2568.

SPRINGFIELD - First Spiritualist Church, Inc.,
33-37 Bliss St., 01105, (413) 732-1234; Sun. Serv. 3:00 p.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, John F. Sullivan, P.O. Box 392, Worthington 01098, (413) 238-5506; Pres., Mr. George Christman, 32 Flynt St., Palmer MA 01069, (413) 283-7496; Secy., Mrs. Elizabeth Vancour, 904 High Path Dr., Windsor, CT 06095, (203) 688-3259.

## MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES,
Pres., Rev. Norma W. McDerment, 3137 Sparks Rd., Jackson 49203; Secy., Marjarie Elaine Kwapich, 2120 Sonoma, Ferndale 48220 (313)542-0784.

BAY SHORE - Golden Rule Spiritualist Church,
1½ mile west of Bay Shore on Old U.S. 31; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Lyceum meets Sun. 9:30 a.m.; Pres., Mr. Otto Allen, 41[illegible] Pearl, Petosky, 49770; Secy., Ralph B. Cheney, 7453 Old 31 Rt. 3, Charlevoix, 49720, (616) 347-3899.

BAY SHORE - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp,
1½ mile west of Bay Shore on Old U.S. 31; Service 10:30 a.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m. une-Sept.; Pres., Ralph B. Cheney, 07453 Old 31, Rt. 3, Charlevoix 49720 (616)347-3899; Secy., Ms. Gail Tibbitts, 07453 Old 31, Rt. 3, Charlevoix 49720.

MUSKEGON - First National Spiritualist Church,
3320 Thompson St., Bluffton Area; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pres. & Secy., Marvell Francisco, 14439 Mercury Dr., Grand Haven , MI 49417.

OXFORD - Spirit of Harmony Chapel,
21 Dennison St. 48051 (313)628-2353; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Catherine Welch; Pres., Michael Dumbrigue.

SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association,
8000 W. Chain Lake Rd., South Branch 48761; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m., July & August, Annual Retreat Week in July; Lyceum Supt., Dawn Hyatt; Pres., Donald Weichner, 714 Mill St. #69 Leslie, 49251; Secy., M. Elaine Kwapich, 2120 Sonoma, Ferndale 48220, (313) 542-0785.

## MINNESOTA

DULUTH - First Spiritualist Church,
1414 E. 9th St.; Mailing Address - P.O. Box 3652, Duluth MN 55803-3652; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pres., Eugene Johnson, 1301 Harrison, Superior WI 54880, Secy., Linda Larson, 301 Osakis St. 55803, (218) 728-2881.

MINNEAPOLIS - Second Spiritualist Church,
2230 Lyndale Ave., N.; Sun. Serv. 3:15 p.m. Pres. Birdi Torgerson; Secy. Chrissy L. Degendorfer; All Mail to be addressed to: Box 6115, 55406.

## MISSOURI

KANSAS CITY - Ninth Spiritualist Church,
2301 Van Brunt Blvd., 64127; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Harry Grissom, 9103 James A. Reed Rd., 64138; Secy., Marcella Grissom, 9103 James A. Reed Rd., 64138, (816) 761-9365.

ST LOUIS - Fifth Spiritualist Church,
6026 S. Kingshighway Blvd. 63109; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Mrs. Virginia Brehm, 3710 Connecticut St. 63116; Secy., Mrs. Virginia Lee Gummels, 7608 Comfort Ave. 63143, (314)647-5289.

## NEBRASKA

OMAHA - Spiritual Science & Philosophy Church, N.S.A.C.,
321 Hascall St. 68108; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor & Secy., Alace Fanslau, 321 Hascall St. 68108 (402)345-8042; (Class - Sunday Noon)

## NEW JERSEY

CAMDEN - Fourth Spiritualist Church,
(609) 854-4317; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Elizabeth Giberson, 123 E. Oakland Ave., Oaklyn, NJ 08107; Secy., Irene A. DiRenza, 119-D Haddon Hills Apts., Crystal Lake Ave., Haddonfield, NJ 08033.

## NEW YORK

ALBANY - The Capital District Spiritualist Church,
1011 Troy-Schenectady Road 12110; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m., Progressive Development & Philosophy classes Mon. - Thurs., Open Seances Every Friday at 7:30 p.m.; Windows To Your Soul Bookstore open weekdays and after all church functions; Church is open all year; Pres., James Jamieson; Pastor, Rev. Stephen C. Robinson, N.S.T., (518) 783-1315.

BINGHAMTON - First National Spiritualist Church,
97 Riverside Dr. 13905 (607)723-0695; Sun. 11:00 a.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Howell, 97 Riverside.

BROOKLYN - The Temple of Divine Guidance, N.S.A.C.,
493 Clinton Ave. (2R) 11238; Serv. 1st & 3rd Sat. 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Benjamin R. Cooper, Jr. (same address); Secy., Willette Law, 10 Argyle Rd. #6C, 11218 (718)282-8542.

BUFFALO - Spiritualist Church of Eternal Brotherhood,
1980 Bailey Ave. 14211, (716) 892-5277; Sun. Lyceum Serv. 10:30 a.m., Director, Mrs, Marilyn Shei; Healing Serv. 11:30 a.m., Worship Serv. 12:00 p.m., Mediums Day 2nd Sun. every month, Dinner 1:00 p.m., Message Serv. Every Wed. 7:00 p.m., Classes, Seminars, Consultations & Special Activities available contact Pastor or President for further information; Pastor, Rev. Sharon L. Lynch, N.S.T., 11 Fourth St., Lily Dale 14752, (716) 595-3274; Pres., John Renzo, 90 Gibbons Rd., Lackawana 14218.

EAST AURORA - First Spiritualist Temple,
29 Temple Pl. 14052; Sun. Healing 6:45 p.m., Lecture & Message Serv. 7:30 p.m., Mediums Day 4th Sun. of month, Lecture & Message Serv. 3:30 & 7:30 p.m., Dinner 5:00 p.m., All Message Serv. 6:00 p.m., Healing Serv. 7:00 p.m., Coffee Hour 9:00 p.m., Adult & Children Lyceum Sun. 5:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Paul F. Spencer, N.S.T., Box 511 Delevan 14042; Secy., Charlene Kleinschmidt, 1071 Wish Circle 14052., (716) 652-4972.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Spiritualist Church,
Sun. Serv. Healing & Devotional 10:30 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m. (Sept.-June), Fri. evening Development Class 7:30 p.m.; Lyceum Sun. 9:30 a.m. - Lois Theis, Director; Pres., Sharon Earsing; Secy., Louis Wyszynski, 14752, (716) 595 3132; Address all correspondence to church at P.O. Box 1128, Lily Dale, NY 14752.

LONG ISLAND - Temple of Metaphysical Science, N.S.A.C.,
15 Oak St., Patchogue 11772; Service alternate Sundays 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Edna C. Claussen 737-4651; Secy., Rev. Virginia Berg, 1280 Claas Ave., Holbrook 11741 (516)588-1442.

ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church,
175 Carter St. 14621 (716)544-0427; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Ronald Skowronski, 1100 Ave. "D" 14621 (716)266-5617.

## OHIO

OHIO STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
Pres., Ralph D. Cutlip, Sr., 1235 W. Prospect Rd., Ashtabula 44004; Secy., Caroline Taylor, 850 N. Meridian Rd., Apt. 610, Youngstown 44509 (216)792-8633.

COLUMBUS - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation,
1081 E. Weber Rd., 43211; Sun. Serv. 7:00 p.m., Wed. Serv. 7:00 p.m. with Lyceum, All Message Serv. every 4th Fri.; Pastor, John S. Matrunick, 11 Woolley Park, Box 7, Ashley, 43003, (614) 747-2352.

COLUMBUS - First Spiritualist Church of Linden,
1751 Aberdeen Ave. 43211; Devotional Serv. Sun. 10:30 a.m., Sun. Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Rev. Neil C. Griffen, Conductor, Wed. Serv. 7:30 p.m., Private Readings 1st & 3rd Fri. each month 7:00 p.m.; Pres., David H. Ereira; Pastor, Rev. Neil C. Griffen; Secy., Lois E. Ereira, 280 Triumph Way, Gahanna 43230 (614)475-3250.

DAYTON - The Church of Two Worlds, N.S.A.C.,
848 Clover St. 45410; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m., All message Serv. 4th Sat. 7:30 p.m; Pres., Ray Moschke, 1468 Ironwood Dr., Fairborn 45324 (513) 878-1165; Pastor, Juanita M. Luppeti; Secy., Vanita Scholl, 1330 B Black Forrest Dr., West Carrolton, OH 45449.

KENT- First Spiritualist Church,
146 W. Oak St., 44240; Serv. 2:00 p.m. Sun.

MARION - Memorial Spiritualist Church,
667 Henry St. 43302; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m. and Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pres. Dorothy Beveridge, 249 Uhler Ave. 43302; Secy., Helen Brown, 400 Deleware Ave. 43302 (614)387-5834.

MARENGO - The Spiritualist Temple of Light,
1463 Co. Rd. 24, 43334; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pastor & Secy., Frank Staats, P.O. Box 217, Ashley 43003; Pres., Ardella Staats (419)864-4655.

MASSILLON - Sanctuary of Eternal Light, N.S.A.C.,
224 North Ave. N.E. 44646 (216) 832-9764; Sun. Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Secy., Douglas D. Shanklin, 224 North Ave. N.E. 44646 ;

SHERWOOD - Crystal Fountain Spiritualist Church, N.S.A.C.,
Services 1:30 p.m., 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays March thru December;Pres., Robert D. Comstock; Secy., Hertha L. Comstock, 1629 Franklin Ave., Ft. Wayne, IN 46808 (219)426-6793.

YOUNGSTOWN - First Spiritualist Church,
323 W. LaClede 44511; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Mark S. Fellows, 162 Maywood Dr. 44512; Secy., Mary E. Burkett, 168½ Maywood Dr. 44512 (216)782-9600.

## OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
Pres., Orpha V. Neal, P.O. Box 376, Kellyville 74039; Secy., Juanita R. Oyer, 6216 S.E. 10th St., Midwest City 73110 (405)732-7975.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Central Spiritualist Church,
2348 N.W. 36th St.; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m., Lyceum Sun. 1:00 p.m.; Pres., Joseph F. Oyer, 6216 S.E. 10th St. 73110; Secy., Juanita R. Oyer, 6216 S.E. 10th St. 73110 (405)732-7975.

TULSA - Tulsa Spiritual Light Church,
123 Xanthus St. 74104; Serv. Sun. & Fri. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Margaret C. May, (same address); Secy., Anna L. Stiver, 1912 E. 5th St. 74104, 582-5945.

## PENNSYLVANIA

PENNSYLVANIA STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
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ALLENTOWN - Getter Memorial Church, N.S.A.C.,
1123 Oak St. 18102; Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m.; Pres., Sharon Politz, 223½ N. 2nd St. 18102 (215)434-3607; Pastor, Rev. B.C. Frace (215)868-5476.

HARRISBURG - First Spiritualist Church,
1221 S. 19th St. (rear) 17104; Sun. Healing 2:15 p.m., Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Secy., Lawrence A. Peterman, 1913 Arlington St., Apt. 1A, Camp Hill 17011 (717)737-1835.

MCKEESPORT - First Spiritualist Church,
809 Locust St. 15132; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m., Healing, Lecture and Messages; Pres., Ella Bryner, 42 Crawford Village 15132; Secy., Patrick Rebold, 5017 Dearborn St., Pittsburgh 15224 (412)661-0521.

PHILADELPHIA - Second Spiritualist Church,
423 S. Broad St. 19147; Lyceum Sun. 2:00 p.m., Sun. Serv. 3:00 p.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Mr. John E. Faison; Secy., Gladys M. Faison, 2118 N. Natrona St. 19121 (215)232-9219.

PHILADELPHIA - Universal Spiritualist Brotherhood Church,
Rising Sun & Park Aves.; Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m. Healing-Sermon-Messages, Wed. Serv. 7:30 p.m. Healing and Messages; Pres., Robert E. Gee, 4 Forest Hill Dr., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003; Pastor, Elizabeth H. Benetz, 1116 Story Lane, Gladwyne 19035; Secy., Maria E. Whitaker, 1812 Edgewood Pl., Clementon, NJ 08021.

## TEXAS

TEXAS STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
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AUSTIN - First Spiritualist Church,
4200 Ave. "D" 78751; Sun. Devotional & Message Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, Mrs. June Brockway, (412) 327-2769 after 6:00 p.m..

CAMERON - First Spiritualist Church,
802 S. College St. 76520. Sun. Serv.: 10:30 A.M.; Pastor, Frances Brown, 2731 S. Congress #3105, Austin, TX 78704, (512) 447-2188; Healing Serv.: 11:30 A.M.; John Caporusso, 4902 Wind River Rd., Austin, TX 78759, (512) 345-9389; Pres., Pearlie Krenek, (817) 697-3027; Secy.-Tres., Regina Hairston, P.O. Box 1152, Cameron, TX, (817) 697-3862; Organist, Zelma King.

DALLAS - Second Spiritualist Church,
3606 Howell St.; Sun. Serv. 10:45 a.m. (Last Sun. of each month 2:00 p.m.); Pastor, Mr. Arthur E. Hanson; Secy., Rosie Lee Hanson, 4653 Cedar Tone Dr.75211, 331-8236.

EL PASO - Luz Y Verdad Spiritualist Church, N.S.A.C.,
3523 Beauchamp St. 77009 (713)864-0474; Lyceum & Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m., Wed. 7:45 p.m.; Pastor, Charles D. Jessup, III; Secy., Marie W. Smith, 12634 Enchanted Path 77044 (713)458-7035; (Jovita Garcia. Lyceum Director 2:30 p.m.).

SAN ANTONIO - Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel,
1627 Pan Am Express Way N.; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Garrett H. Scholtz; Secy., Margie de la Portilla, 8410 Starcrest 78218 (512)653-0646.

TAYLOR - First Church of Psychic Science, N.S.A.C.,
West Fourth St. & Ferguson; Serv. Sun. 3:00 p.m., Social last Sat. each month; Rev. E.L. Actkinson, 5709 Dana Dr.; Secy., Evelyn Cervin, 202-B East 8th 76574 (512)352-6286.

VIRGINIA

NORFOLK - Christian Metaphysical Chapel, N.S.A.C.,
307 W. 37th St. 23508; Devotional Serv. Sun. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Carol Brown, 712 Big Bethel Rd., Hampton 23666 (804)826-9652; Secy., Jim Watson, 3941 Shady Oaks Dr., Virginia Beach 23455 (804)464-0507.

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
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PUYALLUP - First Spiritualist Church,
341 2nd St. S.E. 98372; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pres., Merton B. Boss; Secy., Theresa G. Boss, 1802 Adams, Tacoma 98405 (206)759-7144.

SEATTLE - Church of Spiritual Truth, N.S.A.C.,
P.O. Box 94191, Seattle WA 98124-6491; Pres.,John Diogo, 19004 Lago PL. NE, 98155, (206) 364-6222; Secy., Shirley Barnes, 6221 High Point Dr. SW, 98126, (206) 937-7543.

SEATTLE - Tower Memorial Church, N.S.A.C.,
2116 W. Dravus St. 98199; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.; Pres., Jean Schwartz, 3104 130 Ave., N.E. Bellevue 98005, (206) 885-0641; Secy., Viola Paris, 5929 32 Ave. S. 98118.

TACOMA - Church of Spiritual Unity,
Sunday Service 2:30 p.m.; Pres., Colleen Mohler, Rt. 2, Box 538-A, 98424; Secy., Maureen A. Shaw, P.O. Box 445, Milton 98354.

WEST VIRGINIA

WHEELING - First Spiritualist Association,
(Way Memorial Temple) Broadway & Maryland Sts.; Sun. Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Sun. Serv. 10:45 a.m., Wed. Healing 7:00 p.m., Message Serv. 8:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Velma Gasber, 104 N. Broadway St. 26003; Secy., Annabelle Doty, 68209 Commercial Dr., Apt. 2H, Bridgeport, OH 43912 (614) 635-0911.

WISCONSIN

WEST ALLIS - First Psychic Science Church,
6228 W. Washington St. 53214; Sun. Lyceum 9:00 a.m. Adults & Children, Healing 9:30 a.m., Church Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pastor & Pres., Rev. Larry J. Dentici, 6240 S. 92nd St., Hales Corner 53130 (414)425-4790; Secy., Pat Shears, 1646 S. 60th St. 53214 (414)545-1528; Church phone (414)257-9889.

WEST ALLIS - Spiritual Science Church,
2103 S. 81st St. 53214; Sun. Healing 10:00 a.m., Service 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Walter Sasse, W150-N6898, Country Ln. , Menomonee Falls, WI 53051; Secy., Werner Kalversberg, 3340 S. 63rd St., Milwaukee 53219; Church phone (414) 545-9699; Everyone Welcome.

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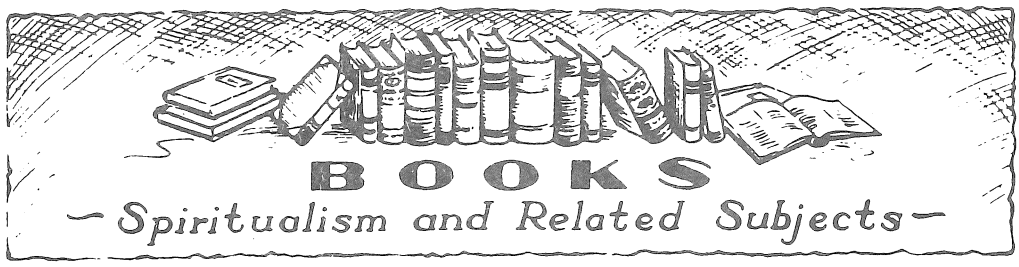
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SPIRITUAL SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP - Montreal, Quebec; Pres., Rev. Marilyn Rossner M.A. PhD (C); Services Sun. 7:30 p.m. on the premises of the Unitarian Church - Sherbrooke St., W. & Simpson St.; Healing 6:30 p.m., Thurs. Serv. 8:00 p.m., 1974 Maisonneuve West, Development Classes/ Workshops - Info. 937-8359.

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Andrew Lynch, the Rev. Sharon Lynch and the Rev. Joseph Sax.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lynch reaffirmed their wedding vows on March 23, 1988 at Eternal Brotherhood Spiritualist Church N.S.A.C. in Buffalo, New York. The ceremony, which coincided with the Lynch's 25th wedding anniversary, was officiated by the Reverend Joseph Sax of Milawaukee, Wisconsin.

The members of the wedding party were: Matron of Honor – Marilyn Shei, Flower Girl – Ryan Slammon, Best Man – Andrew Lynch Jr., Ushers – Michael Lynch and James Lynch.

Organ music was played during the ceremony by the church organist, Florence Cassidy, and Harold Thomas performed a vocal solo. The bride wore a pink lace gown. Floral arrangements followed a pink, white, and blue theme.

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# Resurrection

*By Rev. Don Nauratil*

Resurrection, as stated in the dictionary, means, "Coming back to life." Consider the Phoenix bird that rose from its own ashes. In Egyptian mythology, the phoenix was consumed by fire in the desert and, rising from its own ashes, it spread its wings, leaving the old behind and flying on to a new life. All of us have the chance for resurrection, the opportunity to leave our ashes behind and seek a new life. There are some who may say their life is fine as it is, but there is not one of us without fault. There is not one of us that couldn't be a little happier. There is not one of us that couldn't enhance our life and make it better for ourselves and those around us. We all have the opportunity to reach our ultimate potential and enrich our lives.

This is a journey that is yours alone to take. Only you know those activities in your life that make you happy. Only you know those experiences that are important to you. These determinations are different for everyone. We are all individuals with our own talents and advantages. First, you must decide what aspects are important to your life and then go after them.

Some of these aspects may be hidden because we have all been manipulated at some time during our life. This is not necessarily "manipulation" in a negative sense. Your parents manipulated you. Your school friends manipulated you. Your peer groups manipulated you. Everyone you meet is manipulating you in one way or another. Sometimes the effects of these manipulations are positive, sometimes they are negative. But in either case, the manipulators are trying to lay on you their set of values. This is especially true during childhood when we are pliable and more susceptible to suggestions.

Some of these suggestions are hidden in the subconscious and we may not be aware of their presence. Consider, for example, a young child in grade school who is just learning math. Every morning for five years someone tells this child, "You are not good at math." As times goes by, his math skills decrease and eventually he is not good at math. By that time, the child may have forgotten he was programmed not to like math.

These experiences have formed a mask in the brain that filters our perception of life. It's really a big "brain game." The brain tells us whether to be happy or sad, cry or laugh, be joyful or miserable and whether to look forward to or dread a coming event. In this sense the brain controls us more than we control it. In this sense it is running our life.

Listed below is a smorgasbord of ideas that may help you gain more control over your life. You can choose those to which you relate.

1. Change phoniness to honesty.
   We are all phoney in a way. We all have a costume we wear so that we appear acceptable to those we meet. We all put on a front in certain situations. Some people never drop that front. Their real self is never displayed to others. They may not even be aware of their real self. In this case, they are not only being phoney with those around them, they are being phoney with themselves. They are not in tune with their own set of values and principles.
   Honesty is bringing out your true feelings so that the people you encounter see you and not someone else. When you are honest with those around you, you then become honest with yourself and

your life has more value.

2. **Change boredom to awareness.** Why do we get bored ? Sometimes we get bored because we are not doing those things that are important to us. Why? Perhaps we don't know what they are. We have not stopped to determine the experiences and activities that are important and meaningful in our lives. So, we get tripped up in fads and in doing what we see other people doing. We play a brain game on ourselves, believing that if others are doing something and enjoying it, we should do it also. After awhile we become bored because that activity turns out to be not really important. Take time to become aware of the activities that are important to you, then go after them.
3. **Change control to freedom.** Some people play life as if it were a chess game. Every move is calculated, every step along the way pre-planned. It's nice to be organized, but when we make a wrong move, everything can fall apart.

   When you change that control to freedom, you have the opportunity to be spontaneous in your approach to life. Spontaneity is usually a reaction to your intuition and trusting it will often be the correct action. Thus, you will become involved in the activities which are best for you. This is often a better choice than over-planning and then having things go awry when the planning is not perfect.
4. **Change distrust to faith.** You have probably had experiences with people who have disappointed you. If that happens often, you tend to distrust everyone. But more important than that is not trusting yourself. Let's say, for example you have the responsibility to do some particular task. You think about it for three weeks before you do it. You tell yourself, "I'm not going to like this. This will be hard. I really dread this." After doing this programming for three weeks, when you finally sit down to it, what happens? Not only will the experience be unpleasant but you have also had those three weeks of misery that you piled on top of yourself by predeciding how bad it was going to be.

When you have faith in yourself you say, "I will do the best I can. It will turn out all right. Let's get on with it." Having faith is telling yourself, before you tackle something you have not done before, "I think I can do this. I am bigger than it is and we are going to get it done one way or another. I may make a few mistakes, but that's OK? Since I have not done this before, I will accept that." When you develop this faith in yourself, you will than develop more faith in others, changing distrust to trust.

If this smorgasbord of items does not seem important to you, consider this situation. After a recent heart attack, a doctor tells you that you have only a limited amount of time to live and, to maximize the amount of time left, you will have to change your life style. What would most of us do? We would probably change our life style. We would determine those things that are important to us and establish goals to accomplish them in the time left. Then, when we finally wave goodbye, we would feel satisfied we had done our best.

Well, I have news for you. We all have a limited amount of time left. Some of us may have a few more days than others but all our days are numbered. We only have so much time left to do those things which will make our life self-fulfilling, rewarding, and satisifying. However, beware of trying to make yourself perfect. You will not succeed. We are all human with our individual faults and failures and will never be perfect. We will all make mistakes from time to time and one lesson in life is accepting the fact that there will be mistakes. Making them is a normal part of each of us.

I want to leave you with this final thought:

"How soon will you realize that the only thing you don't have is the experience that there is nothing you need that you don't already have."

It's your choice!

## Consolation

*By W. Callow*

Weep not for me, and don't be sad,
Nor think of the pain and sorrow I've had.
They are gone. To a peaceful home I've moved
From the cares of the earth, and the friends I loved.
Don't mourn for me as though far away –
For I will be with you night or day –
To comfort, heal and cheer you some.
So pray to those who have called me home,
To help me to progress to spheres above,
God keep you in His wisdom and love.

# Education Speaks For Itself

*Morris Pratt Institute Association – Rev. Joseph Sax, Secretary*

Each month The National Spiritualist will feature the writings from a student who is currently taking the Educational Course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is Pamla Ashlay, Second Spiritualist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Materialization is the appearance of a spirit in bodily form or an object that happens very suddenly or unexpectedly. It uses a cloud-like substance, usually white or grey in appearance, called ectoplasm. Ectoplasm extends itself from the medium, as well as the sitters, for the use of the spirit to create the formation. This type of mediumship is the rarest form today. A cabinet, an enclosure, usually with a curtain draped, is used for the purpose of housing the medium during the sitting for materialization. The purpose of the cabinet is to assist the formation of ectoplasm. It should be clearly understood that ectoplasm is matter, invisible and intangible in its primary state, but assuming vaporous, liquid or solid condition in various stages of condensation.

The following is a synopsis of definitions taken from the lesson:

TRANSFIGURATION is stated "as the metamorphic power of the medium to assume bodily characteristics of deceased persons for their representation.

TRANSPORTATION being described as "the human body (physical) being transported (or carried) over a distance – matter through matter."

TELEPORTATION is related to physical items moved by the power of the mind, of persons in the physical body.

APPORTATION is directly related to movement caused by spirit entities or unknown forces of energy.

TELEKINESIS is the movement of stationary objects without the use of physical force.

PSYCHOKINESIS: is the direct influence of mind on matter without any known intermediate physical energy or instrumentation.

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# My Near-Death Experience

*By Dorothea Wagner*
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*As Told To Rev. Albert W. Potts, Jr.*

Twenty-two years ago I had some problems with a kidney infection. I went to my doctor in Chicago for a physical checkup. He put me in the University of Chicago Hospital for tests. One test was a "closed " kidney biopsy, that is, the incision was made in the back. The doctor who did the surgery missed the kidney with his instruments. So another day he did a second biopsy. He missed again and ended up with a liver biopsy. The third time he made an open incision through my side. For that they had to put me under an anesthetic.

Under the anesthetic I was somehow transported to the dimension beyond what we consider life. I didn't feel myself leaving my body. I didn't "wake up." I simply found myself there. I was in an absolute state of bliss. It is the most gorgeous place I have ever been.

There was Light unlike sunlight. All was loving; all was understanding. The understanding was tied up with the Light. I was alone. But I didn't miss or long for anyone. There was a Spirit with me who communicated not with words but mentally with me. We don't really have a name for the Spirit: the Great Oversoul; some people call it God. Just being in the Presence was total peace. For the first time in my life I felt complete.

The Spirit behind the Light instantaneously reviewed my life. Obviously I'd made a lot of bloopers. There is guidance there but gentle guidance, no rebukes, nothing punitive, no judgment attached. Everything is understood: "I can understand what you did, but have you tried this other?" It is the kind of love and understanding so rare here on earth that you could not find it.

When I got there I was more tired than I have ever been in my life. I was told, "Cool down, sleep, and we will regenerate you." So I slept except that I was aware of everything that was going on around me there. I no longer cared about this earth world. It seemed almost laughable how we spin our wheels going through God knows what, for who knows what reason.

I did get a mini-tour of wherever I was. You can do any kind of work: guidance, teaching, study. But you don't have to do anything you don't want. There are a lot of things that don't have to be done. I didn't have a body. I didn't want one, because it is a hindrance. So you don't have to farm. There is no need for food. But if you want food, it is there. The food is already growing. You can think it into existence. If you like a nice formal garden, there is a nice formal garden. No one is going to deny you the pleasure of rooting around if you like to root around. You don't have to talk, you can communicate mentally. But if you need talking for the transition, it is there.

There were a multitude of things I wanted to do. They have music, heavenly music. Imagine whatever music you like as being absolutely pure and flawless. At that time I didn't play a musical instrument.

Whoever was communicating with me showed me a short fence that separated where I was from the next plane higher. It was like a picket fence though not of boards but of silhouettes of people, not any particular people, just people. Each picket was a cameo, a side view of someone. Beyond the fence the Light was brighter and more enticing. The Spirit communicated that I had a choice. I could go to the other side of the fence from where I was or return to earth and cross the fence later. I did not feel compromised or

pushed. There were still things for me to do here. Without any regrets I opted to go back to earth because it was the quickest way to go to the other side of the fence.

The next thing I knew I opened an eye in the hospital. I was in a four-bed room for terminal cases. The other three women in there died. The nurse said to me, "You're awake. Lord, you gave us a terrible scare. We thought you were going to die." They never told me what had gone wrong. Maybe my system didn't like the anesthetic. And I didn't ask – I was sick and hurting. After that I made a wonderful recovery. Three days later I signed myself out. They didn't want me to check out, but I knew I was well.

It is absolute joy to me that I was allowed to see that world. I certainly have no fear of dying because you don't die at all but live like you have never lived before. I look forward to dying – in comparison earth life is frustrating. But I would never hasten dying, and I have no regrets about living. The experience did not diminish the beauty of people and the earth. It changed my priorities from being selfish and materialistic to caring about people, what's happening in their lives, what little thing I can do today to help someone out.

It took me years to realize what the fence meant. About fifteen years after that experience I began to study and play the autoharp. I meet a lot of people at festivals. I teach, I give workshops, I play at children's hospitals. The autoharp is a marvelous vehicle for me to open up the door of communication with people. I have some pretty scrambled up students. Very few people have the disposition or time to spend listening to children and addressing their problems in a down-to-earth manner. I am consistently amazed at how desperate kids are to talk. If they have problems, we work through them. They know someone is on their side. Very few people talk to distressed parents. In the city so many are single parents or both parents are working. They have problems but nobody is talking to them. A lot of them feel very alone. I try to get them straight. The people in the fence were my future students, my future audiences.

# Looking Ahead

*By Rev. Genevieve Woelfl, N.S.T.*

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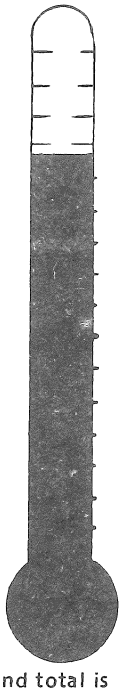
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